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Pre-amendment

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :

ERICH BAYER : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: 10/030,192 :

FILED: 4 February 2002 : EXAMINER:

FOR: OTOPLASTY FOR BEHIND-THE :
EAR HEARING AIDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-14 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 15-31 as follows:

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15. (New) Earpiece⁽²⁾ for behind-the-ear parts of hearing acoustics devices, by which a
signal conductor that comes from a BTE device can be positioned in an auditory canal,
wherein the earpiece is individually configured to a patient's anatomy and including a part
configured to provide a hold essentially having a shape of a clip, configured to follow an
outer edge of the patient's cavum conchae in an arc shape, at least in segments⁽⁸⁻⁹⁾, wherein a
shank that follows the outer edge of the cavum conchae makes a transition, above the patient's
antitragus, into an angled traverse segment that passes through the cavum conchae,